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The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2006 (XIX) of 18 February 1965 and all other relevant resolutions,

Recalling in particular its resolutions 54/81 B of 8 June 2000 and 55/135 of 8 December 2000,

Affirming that the efforts of the United Nations in the peaceful settlement of disputes, inter alia, through its peacekeeping operations, are indispensable,

Convinced of the need for the United Nations to continue to improve its capabilities in the field of peacekeeping and to enhance the effective and efficient deployment of its peacekeeping operations,

Considering the contribution that all States Members of the Organization make to peacekeeping,

Noting the widespread interest in contributing to the work of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations expressed by many Member States, in particular troop-contributing countries,

Bearing in mind the continuous necessity of preserving the efficiency and strengthening the effectiveness of the work of the Special Committee,

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations;[1]

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2. *Endorses* the proposals, recommendations and conclusions of the Special Committee, contained in paragraphs 33 to 136 of its report;

3. *Urges* Member States, the Secretariat and relevant organs of the United Nations to take all necessary steps to implement the proposals, recommendations and conclusions of the Special Committee;

4. *Reiterates* that those Member States that become personnel contributors to United Nations peacekeeping operations in years to come or participate in the future in the Special Committee for three consecutive years as observers shall, upon request in writing to the Chairman of the Special Committee, become members at the following session of the Special Committee;

5. *Decides* that the Special Committee, in accordance with its mandate, shall continue its efforts for a comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects and shall review the implementation of its previous proposals and consider any new proposals so as to enhance the capacity of the United Nations to fulfil its responsibilities in this field;

6. *Requests* the Special Committee to submit a report on its work to the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session;

7. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-sixth session the item entitled "Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects".

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Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.4/55/L.23

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

1. Under the terms of draft resolution A/C.4/55/L.23, the General Assembly would welcome the report of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations and endorse the proposals, recommendations and conclusions contained in paragraphs 33 to 136 of its report (A/55/1024).

2. The Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations considered the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations and the Panel on United Nations Operations (A/55/977). In that report the Secretary-General presented the findings of the first in-depth and comprehensive managerial examination of the way in which the Organization plans, deploys, conducts and supports peacekeeping operations. The report argues that the core capacities of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations require considerable strengthening. It presents the outlines of a global strategy for civilian staffing of peacekeeping operations to address critical shortcomings in the current system. The report argues that, in order to strengthen the core capacities of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, as well as to meet the challenges of rapid and effective deployment, adjustments will be required to the organizational structure of the Department and to its staffing levels. Additional resources for the Department are also necessary so that it can be afforded the necessary time and flexibility required to interact with Member States more frequently, with greater transparency and in a more timely manner, in particular with the members of the Security Council, as well as troop, police and financial contributors. The report underlines the need to strengthen the capacities of the Department of Management,

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the Office of Internal Oversight Services, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Office of Legal Affairs so that they can more effectively support United Nations peacekeeping operations.

3. Following consideration of the report, the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations has made a number of proposals, recommendations and conclusions relating to the findings as presented in that report. The implementation of those proposals, recommendations and conclusions would give rise to additional requirements in the budget for the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002, which was approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/271 of 14 June 2001, as well as in the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.

4. These additional requirements are estimated not to exceed $30 million. Detailed resource requirements on the implementation of the proposals, conclusions and recommendations of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations will be provided to the Fifth Committee for its examination and advice to the General Assembly.